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AMENDMENT AND RESPONSE

Mail Stop Amendment
Commissioner for Patents
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Dear Sir:

This is responsive to the Non-Final Office Action mailed October 15, 2008. Please amend the above-identified patent application as follows:

Amendments to the Claims are reflected in the listing of the claims, which begins on page 2 of this paper.

Remarks, including arguments, begin on page 8 of this paper.